Rubric: Writing Assignment

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| CATEGORY | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Planning** | The final product shows careful planning. | The final product shows that planning has been attempted. | The final product shows some planning. | The final product shows little if any planning. |
| **Punctuation and Grammar** | There are no errors in punctuation and grammar. The final product has been carefully proof read. | There are no more than 5 errors in punctuation and grammar. The final product has been proof read. | There are no more than 10 errors in punctuation and grammar. The final product shows evidence of some proof reading. | There are more than 10 errors in punctuation and grammar. The final product shows little effort at proof reading. |
| **Vocabulary** | Student has used a rich and varied vocabulary accurately that is relative to the Silk Road. | Student has used a varied vocabulary accurately that is relative to the Silk Road.. | Student has tried to use a wide vocabulary with some accuracy. | Student showed little use of wider vocabulary and has used words inaccurately. |
| **Paragraphing** | Story is fully and accurately paragraphed. | Paragraphs are used frequently and reasonably accurately. | There is some attempt at paragraphing. | Little or no evidence of paragraphing. |
| **Main Character** | The main character is colorfully and effectively created. | The main character is effectively created | The main character is more than just a voice. | There is no effort to create an interesting main character. |
| **Plot** | The plot is very logical and completely satisfactory and shows understanding of events that could happen during the Silk Road. | The plot is reasonably logical and satisfying shows understanding of events that could happen during the Silk Road.. | The plot has some logic. | The plot is confusing and unsatisfying. |
| **Audience and Purpose** | The story fully meets audience expectation exactly and is to its purpose, to entertain. | The story meets most audience expectations and does entertain. | The story attempts to meet audience and purpose. | The story does not meet audience expectation or sticks to its stated purpose. |

Writing Assignment:

Write a story as if you were a trader at the location of your group (Either: Baghdad, Samarkind, Turfan, Xi’ang. Keeping your research in mind, what would this trader see, hear, who would he meet? Create a story that is entertaining using the research found.

* The product shows careful planning ( beginning, middle, end)
* There are no errors in punctuation and grammar. The final product has been carefully proof read.
* You have used a rich and varied vocabulary accurately, that is relative to the Silk Road and your group’s location.
* Story is fully paragraphed.
* The main character is fully and effectively created.
* The plot is very logical and completely satisfactory and shows understanding of events that could happen to traders while traveling on the Silk Road.

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